

action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Cate O'Keefe, Ph.D., Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

(Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*)

Dated: July 27, 2026.

Rey Israel Marquez,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XF886]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of web conference.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Legislative Committee will meet on August 10, 2026.

DATES: The Council's Legislative Committee will begin at 1 to 5 p.m. on Monday, August 10, 2026, Alaska Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via web conference. Join online through the link at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3125>.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 W 3rd Ave., Suite 400, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: (907) 271-2809. Instructions for attending the meeting via web conference are given under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diana Evans, Council staff; email: devans@npfmc.org; telephone: (907)

271-2809. For technical support please contact our Council administrative staff, email: support@npfmc.org.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Monday, August 10, 2026

Legislative Committee Agenda: The Legislative Committee agenda will include a review of recently introduced Federal legislation regarding fisheries management, and an evaluation of potential impacts of legislation on the Council's ability to perform the functions specified in its grant, fulfill its responsibilities under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, or affect the Council's ability to conserve and manage marine resources and resource users. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3125> prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

Connection Information

You can attend the meeting online using a computer, tablet, or smart phone; or by phone only. Connection information will be posted online at: <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3125>. For technical support please contact our administrative staff, email: support@npfmc.org or by telephone: (907) 271-2809.

Public Comment

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted electronically through the links at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3125>. The written comment period closes at 5 p.m. Alaska Time on Friday, August 7, 2026.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Identifying Aquaculture Opportunity Areas in U.S. Waters

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; request for information.

SUMMARY: NOAA is issuing this request for information (RFI) to collect information to help identify the next geographic region(s) of focus for Aquaculture Opportunity Areas (AOA) identification. On May 7, 2020, the White House issued an Executive Order (E.O.) on Promoting American Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth, which requires the Secretary of Commerce to identify geographic areas containing locations suitable for commercial aquaculture. These geographic areas are referred to as AOAs. NOAA requests data, comments, views, information, analysis, or suggestions from the public to support the identification of AOAs in U.S. waters, including geographic areas of focus. NOAA requests that interested parties provide relevant information on the identification of areas within U.S. waters for future AOAs. The public input provided in response to this RFI will inform NOAA as it works with other Federal agencies, Regional Fishery Management Councils, and in coordination with state, jurisdictional and tribal governments to identify AOAs nationally. NOAA will combine input received through consultation and coordination with Federal and non-Federal stakeholders, comments on this notice, and spatial analyses by NOAA's National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS), to help identify the next geographic area(s) to focus on for AOA identification. Please respond to the questions in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section, as appropriate.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on or before September 13, 2026. Three webinar-based listening sessions are scheduled. Comments on each topic area will be accepted at all meetings:

1. August 6, 2026, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Pacific (PDT)
2. August 13, 2026, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Hawaii (HST)
3. August 31, 2026, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern (EDT) (English and Spanish)

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this document, identified by NOAA-NMFS-2026-2179, by any of the following methods:

- *Electronic Submission:* Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Visit <https://www.regulations.gov> and type NOAA-NMFS-2026-2179 in the Search box. Click on the "Comment" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

- *Mail:* Submit written information to Brian Fredieu, Office of Aquaculture, NOAA Fisheries, Attn: Aquaculture